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POLICE SHOOTING IN COVENTRY

On 08/16/05 Coventry Police received a 911 call reporting a domestic violence in progress involving a knife at 44 Wall Street a single family home in Coventry. The Coventry P.D. was in the process of assisting at a medical emergency call in Town and therefore requested mutual aid assistance from the Willimantic P.D. and the Connecticut State Police Troop-C.

State Police, Willimantic P.D. and Coventry Officer responded to 44 Wall Street. Officers located the injured female complainant. The female was treated for minor injuries at the scene and was transported by ambulance to Windham Hospital Emergency Room.

The Police Officers and State Trooper on scene searched for and located the male suspect in the rear of the house. The suspect was armed with a knife and was threatening to harm himself. The Officers ordered the male suspect numerous times to drop the knife. The male suspect refused to comply with the officer's orders. The suspect then lunged toward a Willimantic Officer in a threatening manner. The Willimantic Officer discharged his service weapon striking the accused. The male suspect was severely wounded. He was transported to Windham Hospital Emergency room where he was pronounced dead. The officers and Trooper were not injured in this incident. The responding officers secured the crime scene.

The State Police Eastern District Major Crime Squad was assigned to respond to conduct the investigation into this shooting incident. The Tolland County States' Attorney Office, and State Police Forensic Lab are also assisting at the scene.

The victim has been identified as Deborah Sullivan DOB: 9/3/59 44 Wall St. Coventry, CT.

The deceased has been identified as ERIC HABEL DOB: 3/18/59 44 Wall St. Coventry, CT. The Office of the Chief States Medical Examiner conducted a post mortem examination of the deceased. The cause of death was to be gunshot wounds to the chest.

The Willimantic Officer is identified as Officer Ian Brown. Officer Brown is a 9 yr veteran of the Willimantic Police Department. Officer Brown has been assigned to administrative duty pending the conclusion of the investigation.

The investigation is continuing

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